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Interview of: ANNA MAY HAWLEY

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BEFORE: MARIETTE BURER

APPEARANCES:

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National Transportation Safety Board

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I N T E R V I E W

(10:36 a.m.)

MS. BURER: Okay, today is October 18th. It's approximately 10:36 in the morning, and I have with me, Mariette Burer, National Transportation Safety Board -- go ahead.

MR. RIVENBURGH: Steve Rivenburgh, New York State Park Police.

MS. BURER: Ma'am, go ahead.

MS. HAWLEY: Oh, yes. Anna May Hawley, H-A-W-L-E-Y.

MS. BURER: Okay.

MS. HAWLEY: Survivor.

BY MS. BURER:

Q. Okay. This is in regards to the accident that occurred October the 2nd with Ethan Allen. What I would like to do is go ahead and have you tell us your story in your own words, please. Start with the beginning of the morning, that Sunday morning, and just guide us through, please.

A. Well, we arrived in town, and we had time for lunch, which we ate, and then we walked over to the dock. The boat was pretty crowded, and they said they had room for a couple more people. The tour director said, well, maybe we'd like to wait for the next boat, but then that one might be crowded. And the man in charge of the boat asked everybody to move closer together so that we could get on. So our friends we

1 were traveling with and us got on the boat. They sat on a
2 bench, I guess, and my husband and I were up in the front of
3 the boat on the port side sitting on like a bench, you know,
4 and it seemed like a locker where you might store things. And
5 my husband was only partially on the bench because there wasn't
6 enough room. We started out, and everything was fine, and then
7 the boat rocked towards my side and then back again. And some
8 people thought, well, they were just, you know, giving you a
9 thrill ride or something, and then it rocked again and my hair
10 got wet, and then it went. And the people across from me slid
11 across to my side, and then I was in the water. And I don't
12 know what happened with my husband.

13 But I tried to -- I know how to swim, and I tried to
14 grab on to something. First of all, I went up when hit
15 something, so I knew I couldn't go up, so I pulled myself on
16 something above me I could reach with both hands toward the
17 side of the boat, and I was bumping into things. I was
18 disoriented. I wasn't really sure where I was, but I took a
19 breath, and I swallowed some water at the same time, and then I
20 tried pulling again, and then I took another breath, and I had
21 this like pain in my chest, and I thought I'm going to do this
22 two more times and then I'm going to die and the pain will be
23 gone. It's amazing what goes through your head. And then I
24 thought if something happens to me and something happens to
25 Earl, who is my husband, the grandkids would be left alone, so

1 I had to get out of there.

2 And I pulled on this -- across the top of me, and
3 then I looked up and I could see the light coming down, so I
4 went up, and I was treading water, and got a breath and I saw
5 my husband at the other end of the boat in the water with his
6 head up. So I called to him and he didn't answer me, but I was
7 sure he was okay because he seemed to be upright and his head
8 was out. So I started to swim towards him, and it was almost
9 like slow motion. I couldn't get there in a hurry, and someone
10 in a boat threw me a flotation device. I keep thinking it was
11 a vest, but I just put it under my arm because -- and it
12 allowed me to, you know, to rest.

13 And it seems to me that people in the boat had one of
14 these long poles with a hook on the end I think they use for
15 docking or something. The pole was shoved towards me, and I
16 grabbed onto it, and then I yelled at these people to get that
17 man out of the water, get the man out of the water, he's my
18 husband. And anyhow, they pulled me in and helped me up on the
19 boat. They were -- this man was marvelous. He just shouted
20 out orders, and people responded and I'm sure they saved a lot
21 of lives because at that point there was no Coast Guard or
22 Sheriff's patrol or, you know, boats around.

23 And then he pulled my husband out of the water and he
24 was like dead weight, and I heard one of the men say he's not
25 breathing. So they started trying to do CPR in the boat. And

1 the boat I was on had four people. And we went in to shore and
2 I never saw him again. So people came out of their houses and
3 gave us blankets. I just can't say enough about that
4 community. They're such caring people. I couldn't believe
5 that. So that's what happened, and then the ambulance came and
6 they took us to the hospital, all three of us to the hospital.
7 I don't know what else I can say.

8 Q. Okay. Did you stay for any length in the hospital?

9 A. I came home on Tuesday.

10 Q. On Wednesday you came home?

11 A. On Tuesday.

12 Q. On Tuesday?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. Okay. What were the injuries that you sustained?

15 A. I really -- they were doing these blood tests where
16 they checked enzymes to see if we had a heart attack, I guess.

17 Q. Right.

18 A. And the enzymes were high, and it seemed like there
19 were about seven other people who had the high enzyme count,
20 and the cardiologist who was kind and understanding, he said
21 that normally that was -- as I recall, he said that would
22 determine if you had a heart attack, but since seven people had
23 the same high count, that they put it down to stress and, you
24 know, shock and other things. So I was able to go home the
25 next -- on Tuesday. I had a couple bruises on my legs and a

1 little cut on my face, but nothing, you know, bad.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. The staff at that hospital was also wonderful.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. I just can't -- I have a hard time believing my
6 husband drowned because he was a strong swimmer, and he had
7 been a scuba diver, and you know, I just can't believe that he
8 died of drowning, but I guess I'll never know.

9 Q. Well, I am sincerely very sorry about the loss of
10 your husband. Did I -- if I understand this correctly, were
11 you on a separate boat from him when you were actually brought
12 back to shore?

13 A. Yes, yes.

14 Q. Okay. And then --

15 A. People came from, you know, from all over, they came
16 on Skidoos and everybody was helping everybody. Some people on
17 the boat that I was on tried to get back in the water because
18 their wife was floating by and they saw them. But this one
19 woman, you know, talked -- kept the two of them from going back
20 in the water, all that. And then I didn't know what happened
21 to Earl, and you know, everybody I'd ask, they couldn't tell
22 me. That was my biggest worry. Then my daughter flew down
23 from Trenton to the hospital.

24 Q. Okay. And she flew back with you?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. And then Sheriff's Department, I had no
3 identification.

4 Q. Right.

5 A. And so the Sheriff's Department had written a letter
6 so that we could get on the plane. And, luckily, my husband
7 had enough frequent flyer miles that I didn't have to pay for
8 my ticket because I couldn't think of how I was going to do
9 that. But the Sheriff's Department men, they told us when we
10 got to the airport to find the nearest Sheriff patrol guy, and
11 we did, and he was extremely helpful. When I went to get --
12 you know, he took care of the luggage and ushered us over to
13 where we would go through the electronic stuff.

14 Q. Right.

15 A. And the only thing that bothered me was the woman who
16 was -- he showed this woman the letter, and she said well, I
17 can't let you on the plane because I don't know that this is
18 you. And, of course, I had no identification.

19 Q. Right.

20 A. And I looked down, and I saw my hospitals, you know
21 that thing they put around --

22 Q. Yeah, the bracelet?

23 A. Yeah. And so I showed her that, it had my name on
24 it.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. So they let us through.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And then they came around and saw that we were okay.
4 They just were -- I was very grateful for them.

5 Q. Right.

6 A. I didn't meet one nasty person. Everybody was just
7 so giving and caring in that community, and I've gotten letters
8 from people, you know, that were there and things from
9 children. It just -- it helped a lot.

10 Q. Right. Good.

11 A. That's all I can tell you. You asked me before about
12 how much my husband weighs.

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. And I don't know, and I looked at his driver's
15 license and I don't find anything that tells me. I'm sure his
16 doctor has his weight, but he was about 210 pounds. I'm just
17 kind of guessing.

18 Q. Okay. And what was his height?

19 A. 5'7½.

20 Q. 5'7½. Okay. Now do you, yourself, consider yourself
21 a pretty strong swimmer?

22 A. Well, yeah, I used to be a Phys. Ed. teacher and a
23 life saver. But, you know, now I'm in my 70's. I can stay
24 afloat.

25 Q. Right.

1 A. But I couldn't -- in fact, at one point when I was
2 looking towards the shore, I thought maybe I should try to swim
3 to shore, that was before the man threw me the life jacket
4 thing. But I wouldn't have been able to. I know it. At this
5 point in my life, I could float in, but I couldn't swim.

6 Q. Right.

7 A. So I guess that's -- and some people, I didn't have
8 any water in my lungs, actually.

9 Q. Okay, great.

10 A. I was swallowing it, I guess, that's better than
11 inhaling it.

12 Q. Now where you were sitting, was that in the bow area
13 in the front?

14 A. At the front, yes.

15 Q. Yeah. And left or the right-hand side bench?

16 A. On the left side.

17 Q. Left side. And --

18 A. Towards the shore.

19 Q. Right. And so who was sitting next to you then,
20 aside from your husband?

21 A. I think there was just the two of us on that side.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. You know, I don't remember that. I remember who was
24 across from us.

25 Q. Who were they?

1 A. And the tour leader, her name was Carol something.

2 Q. Right.

3 A. And I think Ann McGunagle was there, and the gal who
4 was a recreation assistant in town. I can't -- everything's
5 going from my head. Margie. Her name is Margie.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I don't know her last name. We just call her Margie.

8 Q. Right.

9 A. But you see, behind us was this Plexiglas.

10 Q. Yes.

11 A. And I had to turn around to look at these, they were
12 pointing out houses on the shore.

13 Q. Right.

14 A. And I had to turn and look through this Plexiglas
15 that wasn't very clear. So it seems to me there was an open
16 space above it, which must have been where I went because you
17 couldn't push that Plexiglas out. I couldn't pull it out.

18 Q. Right. And so where you were actually sitting, it
19 was closed, right? So when you were turning around, you were
20 looking through the Plexiglas.

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. See -- what was out that way.

24 Q. Right.

25 A. We almost didn't get on this boat because -- well,

1 the one lady came down and she said I'm not getting on that,
2 she called it a tub or something.

3 Q. Yeah.

4 A. And there were two sisters, and they decided not to
5 get on the boat. So when he said everybody scoot over, you
6 know, make room, people that were sitting on the -- I guess
7 they were benches, I didn't observe them that much, but they
8 all scrunched over, and they shouldn't have gotten on the boat.
9 It was, you know, the captain said come on, come on, get on the
10 boat, scoot over, it'll work. So that's about -- we made a bad
11 choice there.

12 Q. Now as far as with the captain is concerned, can you
13 tell me a little bit about him, what your first impressions --
14 when you first saw him, what your first impressions were, how
15 he conducted himself throughout the tour?

16 A. We -- the tour wasn't, it wasn't that long, it didn't
17 seem to me, that we were, you know, doing much. When the boat
18 started rocking, I thought, you know, we also have a boat that
19 when it goes up -- this boat was not going from the rear,
20 rocking from the rear to the front, it was rocking from the
21 side to the side. And, usually, you'd just -- I thought he
22 would turn into the waves or whatever was giving him the
23 problem. I don't know. Just that -- he seemed jolly when we
24 got on and said -- as I recall, get on, and then he told
25 everybody to move closer together so that there was going to be

1 room for us. And then he sort of narrated as we went by, you
2 know, by things, told us about some of the houses and the
3 island and things like that.

4 Q. Was it difficult for you to turn around?

5 A. Well if you're sitting on a chair and you turn to
6 look over your right shoulder, you know, I don't know what you
7 mean by -- no, it wasn't difficult for me. It wasn't very
8 comfortable to sit that way very long. And then I didn't sit
9 that way because, you know, I saw the houses and it was, you
10 know, -- was on the one side, he was right next to the benches
11 or whatever went across the boat.

12 Q. Correct. Okay.

13 A. And when I got on the boat, and I do this every time
14 I get on a boat, we were the last ones to get on, and I didn't
15 know if they had given any instruction, and I said did they
16 tell you where the life jackets were, and everybody said no.
17 And we started looking around and there were some people
18 sitting on what appeared to be a locker, you know. And part of
19 the ceiling wasn't there, so I thought maybe they were up
20 under -- good thing we didn't have them because nobody would've
21 gotten out with a life jacket on.

22 Q. Right.

23 A. Because of going -- we had to go down and not up.

24 Q. Yeah. Now did you ever figure out where the life
25 jackets were during your trip?

1 A. No. No. It was just a guess.

2 Q. Okay. And then also, when you were not looking over
3 your right shoulder, where were you looking? Were you
4 looking --

5 A. Across to the people across from me.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. You know, they were chitchatting and talking. And
8 then it happened so fast because the first time everybody
9 thought, well, you know, that's fun. That's sometimes what
10 boats do. And then the next time when my hair got wet, I
11 thought -- this is going to sound stupid, but I thought then I
12 have to get my hair done. Then the next one, womp, you know,
13 it didn't matter about your hair. You're in the water.

14 Q. Right.

15 A. So I don't now how long I was under there. It seemed
16 forever. But it surprised me that my husband was at the other
17 end of the boat.

18 Q. What do you mean at the other end of the boat?

19 A. I was -- I thought I was right near the front when I
20 came up. I came up on the side away from the shore. The boat
21 was between me and the shore. And he was at the other end of
22 the boat, at the far end.

23 Q. Okay. But still on the same side as you?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. So I thought well, he must've swam up to the place
2 where the door was where you got on.

3 Q. Right. Now when you either were looking on your
4 right hand shoulder or you were -- were you actually in
5 conversation with the people across from you?

6 A. Yeah. We were talking about things, you know, the
7 trip.

8 Q. At any time during the trip before the actual
9 capsizing, did you have a chance to look at the captain?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Because he was at the back end.

13 Q. Okay, so the vision, the line of vision --

14 A. That's correct, isn't it? He was at the back end.

15 Q. Yeah, that is correct. So the line of vision was --

16 A. I didn't see him, and I never made an effort to see
17 him --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. -- because we were just chatting and looking around.
20 So that's -- I couldn't tell you what he looked like.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. Because when we got on, it was like rush, rush, rush.
23 And I, you know, I really didn't look at him. But I don't
24 know, somebody told me that in Michigan that we have these
25 boats that go down the Sable River --

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. And they hold 161 people or something, or they're
3 supposed to hold 161 people on the rail, which means without
4 tipping, that many people would have to be on the rail.

5 Q. Right.

6 A. And I just -- I don't know. Evidently, they haven't
7 had that -- they didn't have that many people on the boat
8 before.

9 Q. Now your friends, I know that you said earlier that
10 you were the last -- you and your husband were the last ones to
11 actually board the --

12 A. With the Peacocks.

13 Q. With the Peacocks. Okay, that's who I was wondering.

14 A. Yeah. Jean and Lowell Peacock.

15 Q. Okay. Do you recall where they were sitting?

16 A. I think they were sitting maybe three-quarters of the
17 way, you know, to the front. You know, they weren't that close
18 to us. They could've been in the middle.

19 Q. Right.

20 A. I think it had three seats on one side and two on the
21 other.

22 Q. That's correct.

23 A. And so there were three seats and only two people,
24 that's when they, you know, told everybody to fill in those
25 spaces.

1 Q. The spaces on the left -- or the three --

2 A. The one that had three people in it.

3 Q. Okay, okay.

4 A. Which was on like -- I don't know if it was on the
5 same side. I don't remember that.

6 Q. What about on the lake itself? I mean was there a
7 lot of commotion and traffic or --

8 A. I didn't think that there was. I mean it's a big
9 lake, takes a lot of -- you know, I don't recall that. It's
10 just that when we had that first little dip back and then back
11 again, you know, it didn't seem threatening. But then when it
12 happened the second time and then the third time everybody came
13 flying across. But I know they got out of the -- they got out
14 of the boat, those people.

15 Q. Right.

16 A. Barbara Bommarito was also on that side, and she had
17 to stay in a hospital longer because she had diesel fuel, I
18 guess, in her lungs.

19 Q. Right.

20 A. So I don't know.

21 Q. What did you --

22 A. Excuse me. Yes?

23 Q. I was going to ask you, what did you think of the
24 vessel itself? I mean what was your --

25 A. Well, you know, I've certainly been on better looking

1 boats. You know, I've been on a number of boats. I just
2 thought, you know, this is going to be a short ride, so it
3 doesn't, you know, don't worry about getting comfortable. It
4 was just, you know, this was towards the end of the tour, and I
5 think we went just because it was offered.

6 Q. Right.

7 A. And so --

8 Q. Who made the decision for you all to go?

9 A. Well when the captain -- when she said, you know, you
10 can go on the next boat, and then she said oh, that might be
11 too crowded, I think we said well, we'll just go up, you know,
12 back to the bus, and then we were told that there was room for
13 four people, and the two girls that were traveling together,
14 they chose not to. They were going to go shopping. And so we
15 got on. Might as well go because we can't -- probably can't go
16 on the next boat.

17 Q. Right. And this was all with the -- I guess you're
18 part of the (indiscernible) tour groups or --

19 A. Pardon me? We were part of --

20 Q. This is like the color tour, right, is that what
21 you --

22 A. It was supposed to be, yes.

23 Q. Yeah.

24 A. We were to (indiscernible) but it was a nice trip. I
25 mean, you know, it's beautiful country, and everything was

1 pretty much fine till then.

2 Q. Right. Did you have any chance to take any pictures
3 at all?

4 A. No, no.

5 Q. No?

6 A. My husband had a camera and I got his binoculars too,
7 but I don't know what happened to the camera. (Indiscernible)
8 carry it with him.

9 Q. Okay. And you don't recall if he actually took any
10 pictures or not?

11 A. No, because he was just -- he had one cheek on the
12 bench, and one cheek off the bench, and you know, he was trying
13 to keep himself balanced, I think. And that's about all I
14 know.

15 Q. Now I know I'm kind of being picky about this, but
16 you were describing, first you said dip to one side, dip to
17 another side, and then people were sliding across.

18 A. No, it's only dip to the left.

19 Q. Dip to the left. Okay, that's what I wanted you
20 do --

21 A. The low part, yeah.

22 Q. Right.

23 A. Right.

24 Q. And then?

25 A. The first little dip, then we righted, and then the

1 other dip went farther, and then the next one came quickly, it
2 seems to me, because I don't think anybody knew what was
3 happening, you know. You're wondering what's going on here.

4 Q. Right. And do you remember what side you dipped on?

5 A. I was on the left side.

6 Q. Okay. All right. And so the people that go flying
7 across, was that --

8 A. They were on the right side.

9 Q. Right side, okay. Okay. And then can you, just in
10 your own words, can you describe the lake conditions at all?

11 A. No. That was -- not really. You know, there were
12 other boats around, and there was wake from the other boats,
13 and, you know, but I thought that the -- in the boat would've
14 headed into the wake but, you know, I don't really know. I
15 didn't pay that much attention. It didn't seem it was that
16 rough to me. I was wondering -- it seemed like an awful long
17 time before the official people came.

18 Q. Okay, the --

19 A. But it might not have been, you know, it might have
20 just been seconds, but I know it wasn't seconds, but it
21 surprised me because we live close to the Detroit River, and
22 the Sheriff's patrol is out there, you know, going up and down
23 the river.

24 Q. Right.

25 A. So I don't know where the people came from.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. I don't know how long it took them even. Seems like
3 an awfully long time.

4 Q. Right. Now any of the -- any of the waves that you
5 saw, did you see anything prior to the rolling or --

6 A. No, I was just, you know, looking. I had looked out
7 the Plexiglas, and then turned back.

8 Q. Right.

9 A. I was just sitting there.

10 Q. Did you hear any kind of strange noises or --

11 A. No.

12 Q. Any kind of, you know, something that maybe the
13 captain said?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. No direction, no anything. He probably could've cut
17 the speed. I don't know, I'm not saying that he was going fast
18 like a ski boat, but if it was too wavy, if he had cut his
19 speed, it would've, seems to me it might've righted the boat.

20 Q. Right. But do you think it was too wavy at the time?

21 A. I can't answer that. I don't know what too wavy is.
22 I know that I didn't fear for my life or that it was, you know,
23 that bad. It could've been more wavy. More people might've
24 been, you know, more aware of that. I heard some people talk
25 about the wake and things, but I just don't remember that.

1 Q. Right.

2 A. I've not really been afraid on a boat because, you
3 know, it tips over, you go in the water, but you couldn't go in
4 the water here because of the Plexiglas stuff.

5 MS. BURER: Right. Okay. I'm going to go ahead and
6 turn this over to Steve, sorry, Mr. Rivenburgh, but thank you
7 for right now for answering all the questions and telling us
8 your story.

9 MS. HAWLEY: I hope it was helpful. Some of it is,
10 you know, like a blur.

11 MS. BURER: Right.

12 MS. HAWLEY: Yeah.

13 MS. BURER: Okay, thank you.

14 MS. HAWLEY: Uh-huh.

15 BY MR. RIVENBURGH:

16 Q. Ms. Hawley?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. This is Major Rivenburgh, New York State Police.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. First off, I'd like to extend our sympathies for your
21 loss.

22 A. Thank you, thank you.

23 Q. I'm sure that's not a good thing to go through. Did
24 you recover your cane?

25 A. Yes. It was on the bus.

1 Q. It wasn't on the boat with you?

2 A. No, it was on the bus.

3 Q. Okay. Do you recall anyone else on board with any
4 aids to assist them with walking?

5 A. Ann McGunagle had a walker, which she attributes to
6 saving her life. But, yeah, she had a walker, but I don't
7 remember because we were the last ones on and, you know, we
8 just went to the front where we were supposed to sit. But she
9 was not far from me.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. But she's the only one that I recall that -- there
12 were no people in wheelchairs or no -- she's the only one that
13 I know that had a walker. Several people had canes, but I only
14 use mine if I'm going to do a lot of walking. So I just left
15 it on the bus.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. And I got it back.

18 Q. Okay. What type of clothing were you wearing?

19 A. I had on tennis shoes and slacks and a shirt, and
20 then a fleece jacket that zipped up the front, and I had those
21 clothes on when they took me out, you know, I had them -- I
22 didn't take them off. I mean I -- and I didn't think that the
23 water was that cold.

24 Q. What was your blouse made out of?

25 A. It's just like a T-shirt.

1 Q. Okay, cotton?

2 A. Pardon me?

3 Q. Cotton?

4 A. Yeah, stretch fabric.

5 Q. Okay. How about your slacks?

6 A. They were probably polyester and cotton. Now my
7 husband also had on one of those fleece jackets that zip up the
8 front, and but he probably had his tennis shoes. I don't
9 remember what shoes he had on.

10 Q. How about slacks?

11 A. He had long pants on, probably khaki, cotton pants.

12 Q. And a shirt?

13 A. It was a golf shirt with a color.

14 Q. These may seem mundane questions, but we're looking,
15 trying to look at survivability factors also while we're
16 looking at this accident.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. You said several times your side, and then you've
19 said the port side.

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. That's correct?

22 A. The left side.

23 Q. Okay. Just want to be clear on that. And did you
24 come up in an air pocket after the vessel capsized?

25 A. I don't know. I mean I didn't feel that I did,

1 except I was able to take a couple of gulps, you know, and I
2 got some water at the same time, but it was enough to allow me
3 to grab onto whatever I was hanging on to pulling. Just felt
4 that, you know, I had to go to the side. And I came up on the,
5 on the right side.

6 Q. You own your own boat, you said?

7 A. Yes, we have a boat.

8 Q. And what type of boat do you have?

9 A. It's just a 16-foot, you know, ski boat. We get out
10 in the river, but we don't take it in to the big lakes. I
11 mean, you know, the Great Lakes.

12 Q. Uh-huh.

13 A. We used it for skiing, and the grandkids use it for
14 skiing.

15 Q. Okay. Do you, did you ever --

16 A. It was a (indiscernible) Craft, I think.

17 Q. Uh-huh. Did you ever take a boating safety course?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. Okay. From who?

20 A. Pardon me?

21 Q. From who?

22 A. It must've been the Coast Guard. They offered it at
23 the high school during the winter. And my husband, he was
24 certified by -- for scuba diving. And I had scuba dived also,
25 but I never did the free ascent from 50 feet.

1 Q. A long way.

2 A. All that's down there (indiscernible). Anyhow, but
3 he did it because our grandson was going to go, you know, took
4 lessons also. And we have a pool, and you know, the kids used
5 to swim around with the tanks on and clean the side of the pool
6 and stuff like that. We haven't done any active scuba diving
7 in quite a long time.

8 Q. You were one of the last passengers on board the
9 vessel?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you get on before or after the tour guide?

12 A. I'm not sure. She was on the dock, she's the one
13 that said, you know, you might want to wait for the next boat.
14 And then she -- and then we started to walk away, and then she
15 said well, I'm not sure there's going to be enough room on the
16 next boat, and that's when this Captain or whatever you call
17 him said, you know, come on, come on, get on, we've got space,
18 and told people to scrunch over. I don't really know. She
19 went on before we did, but she was sitting in the same area as
20 we were.

21 Q. Do you recall any discussion about a crew member?

22 A. Crew member?

23 Q. Yeah.

24 A. No.

25 Q. Being an additional crew member on board --

1 A. No.

2 Q. Or the tour guide being the crew member?

3 A. No, not that I recall.

4 Q. How about your bus driver? Any consideration of the
5 bus driver going on the trip?

6 A. Well, he didn't go on the trip. I mean he -- I don't
7 know what he did, but no, he wasn't down there.

8 Q. Okay. Do you recall any conversation between the
9 captain and another crew member on the dock?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay. And to go back on the vessel dipping or
12 whatever you thought you were being -- in with wakes, boat
13 wakes or what?

14 A. Yeah, that's what I, you know, and everybody just
15 went, you know, like it was fun or, you know, oh, we're
16 bouncing and we're dipping, and then the second and third one
17 took care of --

18 Q. Did you see them?

19 A. Who?

20 Q. The boat wakes.

21 A. I don't recall that, you know. I don't -- I don't
22 recall it. I just -- when it went to the side, I, you know --
23 sometimes our boat will turn, you know, quickly, and bounce
24 around a little bit. I don't --

25 Q. Okay. Was the boat in the process of turning?

1 A. I don't know. I don't know that.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. I know that some other people, you know, said that.
4 There were two men who were really familiar with boats and they
5 talked about the boat, said it had a keel and all those kinds
6 of thing, but I don't know all that.

7 Q. Okay. I'm just checking for if I have any more
8 questions for you.

9 A. I did get an e-mail from somebody that said *Time*
10 *Magazine* ran an article that said that the sister ship of this
11 was not stable with 10 people on it. I don't know where
12 that -- from *Time Magazine*. I don't know if you saw that.
13 Must've done some testing or something.

14 MS. BURER: I haven't seen it.

15 MR. RIVENBURGH: No, neither have I. We know that
16 testing has been going on, but we haven't seen that article.

17 MS. HAWLEY: Yeah. It was dated, I think -- I don't
18 know, they put the date on it that they saw the article.

19 MR. RIVENBURGH: Mrs. Hawley, and Mariette, I have no
20 further questions at this time.

21 MS. HAWLEY: Okay.

22 MS. BURER: Ms. Hawley?

23 MS. HAWLEY: Yes.

24 MS. BURER: Thank you so much. What I'm going to do
25 is I'm going to stop the recording.

1 MS. HAWLEY: All right.

2 MS. BURER: And then please don't hang up, okay,
3 because I need to ask you a couple more questions.

4 MS. HAWLEY: Okay.

5 MS. BURER: Okay, hold on, please.

6 (Whereupon, the interview in the above-entitled
7 matter was concluded.)

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